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Hongkong, February 14, 1880.

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GEO. O. SCOTT,

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Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

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THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS.—

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Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

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THE FOLLOWING ARE FOR SALE, EX RECENT ARRIVALS.

DRA SHELL HATS for the RACES.
New Shapes in CHRISTY'S HATS.
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Merino and Cashmere SOCKS, and UNDERSHIRTS.

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Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

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3,000 NEW TAUCHNITZ VOLUMES.

KELLY & WALSH.

Hongkong, February 18, 1880.

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PRICE, 20 PER COPY BOUND.

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Hongkong, February 16, 1880.

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NOTICE.

THE FOLK-LORE OF CHINA; and its Affinities with THAT OF THE ASIAN and SEMITIC RACES.

By N. B. DENNYS, Ph.D., F.R.G.S.

PAIS, HALF BOUND, \$2.00.

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FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. "Cairnsuir" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at Messrs Norton & Co.'s Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boat delivery may be obtained. Goods remaining undelivered after the 29th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading to be sent in to the Underligned for countersignature.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, February 21, 1880. fe29

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. "Glenearn" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Underligner, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boat delivery may be obtained.

The "Glenearn" brings through Cargo ex Australia and Africa, from New York.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 2 p.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 27th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Hongkong, February 20, 1880. fe27

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. A V A.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNERS of Cargo per S. S. "Empire," from London, in connection with the above, State that they are hereby informed and warned at their risk at the Companie's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before 2 p.m. To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underligner.

Goods remaining undelivered after Wednesday, the 25th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, February 18, 1880. fe25

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No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex Yangtze.

M G. No. 904, 925, Mr. A. d'Argence, 2 cases Tobacco, from Marseilles.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, February 12, 1880.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

PRINCE FREDERICK, British ship, Capt. John Clague—Vogel & Co.

MABEZ, American barque, Capt. Francis Hallett—Captain.

ALICK REED, American barque, Captain Killoran—Vogel & Co.

MANNIE CAVILY, British barque, Capt. P. T. Clark—Gibb Livingston & Co.

CHATEAUBRIAND, French barque, Captain Leroy—Carlowitz & Co.

DINGO, American barque, Captain H. Staples—Adamson, Bell & Co.

CAIRNSUIR, British steamer, Capt. G. Castle—Holliday, Wise & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.



MITSU BISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA KOBE.

THE S. S. "NIIGATA MARU," Capt. Walker, due here on or about the 1st March, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 6th March, at Day-light.

Cargo received on board and Parcels at the Office up to 5 p.m. of 5th March.

No Bill of Lading signed under \$2 Freight.

All Claims must be settled on board before delivery is taken, otherwise they will not be recognized.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

To KOBE.....Cabin \$60. Steerage \$15.

"YOKOHAMA &..." Do. \$75. Do. \$20.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN CABIN PASSENGERS.

CARGO and PASSENGERS for Nagasaki will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Offices, No. 504, Queen's ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, February 23, 1880. ma6

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. "Lydia," Captain P. PATRICK, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Underligner, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boat delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 3 a.m. To-morrow, 24th instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 20th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SLEEMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, February 23, 1880. fe29

To-day's Advertisements.

MACEWEN, FRICKEL & CO., HAVE JUST LANDED

AN INVOICE OF JOHN ROGERS & SONS' BEST CUTLERY, comprising:—

Table Knives.

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Giles' Steel Pens, Mitchell's Steel Pens, Ink Bottles in great variety, Stationery, Case, Date Books, Portfolios, Slips, Clips, Copying Presses, Copying Brackets, and Water Walls, Pen Boxes, Glass Pen Trays, Paper Weights, Perry's Altimeters, Gold Pencil Cases in variety, Memo Tablets, Blotting Pads, Butter Paper Weights, Morley's Law Pens, India Rubber Bands, Telegraph, Blotting Paper, Leads, Pens, Leads, Ink Extractor, Cloud Rubber, Blue and Red Pensules, Penholders, Umbrella's Copying and Writing Ink, Animal Paper Weights and Penwipers, Combined Memo, Tablet and Paper Weight, Stockwell's Patent Cigar Lighters, Paper Blenders, Metallic Tapes.

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5th DRAWING.

Chinese Imperial Government Loan 1877.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in conformity with the stipulation contained in the Bonds of this Loan, the following numbers of Bonds to be paid off at par, on the 29th of February next, when the Interest thereon will come, were this day Drawn at the Offices of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, 31 Lombard Street, E.C., in the presence of Mr. GEORGE HENRY BUNNETT, Accountant of the said Corporation, and of the undersigned Notary.

NUMBERS OF BONDS DRAWN.

1146 Bonds Nos.:—

10	1620	3232	4937	6451	8064	9672	11272	12886	14499
25	1628	3244	4952	6461	8076	9678	11298	12897	14508
38	1631	3252	4967	6470	8085	9695	11300	12914	14532
48	1658	3269	4885	6483	8100	9704	11326	12923	14535
61	1672	3278	4904	6497	8119	9720	11327	12943	14549
80	1698	3298	4903	6516	8132	9737	11349	12960	14573
95	1708	3313	4919	6536	8148	9745	11356	12977	14580
105	1715	3326	4936	6540	8159	9772	11371	12981	14592
126	1728	3344	4944	6558	8166	9776	11389	12995	14603
132	1748	3356	4963	6578	8182	9791	11398	13007	14621
151	1755	3361	4977	6582	8193	9802	11413	13023	14644
168	1777	3384	4993	6602	8207	9828	11426	13040	14646
178	1782	3389	5001	6612	8220	9829	11441	13054	14672
188	1800	3408	5023	6627	8245	9848	11		

THE CHINA MAIL.

Representatives, the State Department refers to make public for the assigned reason that its publication would be prejudicial to the public interest, contains charges and specifications of fraud and a corruption against Consul Bailey, acting Consul Lorring, Shipping Master Peter Smith, and the shipping clerk at Hongkong, and the shipping officer at the Shanghai consulate, which are substantiated by the most irrefragable evidence. Smith is an illiterate and unscrupulous robber, Bailey educated, the shipping clerk a penitentiary convict, and the shipping officer at Shanghai almost as bad, for though aware of that fact he has given him a responsible position in that consulate, which he still holds. In the one item alone of discharging and shipping seamen at Hongkong Bailey has defrauded the government of nearly forty thousand dollars. And yet though all this has long been known at the State Department the criminals have been, and still are, shielded and protected from the vengeance of the outraged law by Secretary Hayes' civil service reform. Long live Mr Hayes' civil service reform. Long live the bagatelle.

Most of our trans-Pacific contemporaries will have Col. Mosby summoned home by one means or another. A telegram dated Washington, January 16th, says:—

It is positively stated that the House Committee on Extradiation in the State Department will by telegram, summon Consul Bailey to come to Washington at once, and bring with him all the evidence he may have or can get against Minister Seward and the Consuls he has accused of wrongdoing.

The *Peking Gazette* of the 17th ult. contains a memorial from Wu Yuan-ping, requesting that a record of the administrative acts of a deceased Governor-General may be drawn up by the State Historiographer's Office, and that memorial temples may be specially erected in his honour. We take the following from the *N. C. D.* News translations:—

Shen Peo-ching, Governor-General of the Two Kiang provinces, deceased, commenced his [provincial career] as prefect of Kiu-kiang, from whence he was transferred to the prefecture of Kuang Hsin in that province. When the Canton rebels overthrew the Empire like birds of prey, he held the city against them, and raised the blockade by hard fighting. It was then appointed Taotai of the Chi, Nan, Kan Ning circuit in Kiangsi, and assisted in the organization of militia in that province. In the year 1862 he was appointed Governor of Kiangsi. He was honoured with a special appreciation of two Emperors and strove with all his strength to repair the confidence that was reposed in him. When the Canton rebels had concentrated their energies for a descent upon Kiangsi, Shen Peo-ching availed himself of an opportunity afforded to keep them out and extirpate them, obtaining victories over them in a succession of battles, thus securing the safety of the provinces to an extent that was truly considerable. Afterwards, he gave his mind and energies to the organization of a navy, which he was the first to reduce to system. [While Acting Governor of Fuchien] he was still more unspare in the labour he brought to bear upon the pacification of the Formosa aborigines and the development of the resources of the country, while he unscrupulously suppressed the evils from internal disorders that prevailed. When he came to be Governor-General of the Two Kiang, he devoted himself with sincerity of purpose and true energy to the work of administrative reform—thereby mercifully protecting the vital interests of the common people, walking in the same path as he did when Governor of Kiangsi. His meritorious actions are indeed made manifest to all, and we direct that they be placed on record in the State Historiographer's office. We also sanction the erection of special sacrifice temples in his honour at Nanking, and in the other provinces in which he established a reputation for himself, that his loyalty and devotion may be made manifest.

HONGKONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

YEARLY MEETING THIS AFTERNOON.

The annual General Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held this afternoon, when there were present, the Chairman, Hon. W. Keswick, who presided, Hon. P. Ryrie, and Messrs H. H. Nelson, Dalrymple, Bellios, II. Hopkiss, J. Arnhold, T. Jackson, Committee, and the following members:—Messrs Foss, F. D. Sassoon, F. Mackintosh, A. P. McEwen, Granville Sharp, T. G. Williamson, H. N. Mody, C. Erdman, W. Reiners, R. H. Sandeman, R. Deacon, and the following Chinese members:—Chao Lai Kan of the Sun Yu Hong, Lee Tak Cheong of the Li Hing Hong, and Cheng Sing Young of the Tak On Bank.

The report, which has already appeared in our columns, was taken as read.

The Chairman explained that this was the draft report placed before them by the Committee for approval in its present shape or otherwise. There was not much for him to add to it. He was sorry to say that the year had just passed without any progress whatever towards a settlement of any of the questions in which this Chamber is interested. The Blockade continued and the evil effects of it were in no respect diminished. As they were the members of the Chamber had an interview with Sir Thomas Wade in April, and in the appendix of the report would be found the details of what was done at that meeting. The view expressed by Her Majesty's Minister, gave, he thought, very little hope of a satisfactory settlement of the question of the interference with the trade of this Colony by the Chinese custom cruisers. There were rights of an international character, and he was afraid he did not mean that he should regret China getting what she was entitled to, but because the system she adopted to secure her rights, he proceeded, in these waters, were very detrimental to the interests of this Colony. (Hear, hear and applause.) And how this system was to be got rid of, he was at a loss to say. The matter was being considered in other quarters, and while he hoped something might be done, he failed to see that any of the schemes that had as yet been mentioned would meet the case. In April the interview of the Chamber with Sir Brooke Robertson's firm impression was that opium was the only article the tax on which was to be recovered by these stations. He told him (Mr Ryrie) in fact that if he was told that duties were being levied at these stations on any British manufactured goods he would remonstrate. Perhaps the Chinese remained of that and of their arrangement with Sir Brooke Robertson they would be bound not to interfere with any vessels leaving this Colony, but to collect their revenue on articles other than

in the appendix—may, he believed, be taken as dropped. He thought that was likely from the long time that had elapsed without reference to it. The Merchant Shipping Consolidated Ordinance would be of an eminently useful piece of legislation. The departure of small steamers, and the changes as to bills of lading were dealt with in the report, but he did not think there was anything else for him to touch on. It was now before them for discussion, and he hoped would be duly passed. There was one public question on which he had hoped that they would have been able to have reported some progress. That lay at some distance from us, the proposal of Mr Bellios had proposed. It would be something for the parties to think over and discuss. He therefore supported the proposal. He was not sanguine of the success of the proposal, but it might be tried.

THE BLOCKADE QUESTION.

Mr Bellios, with reference to the important subject of the Blockade, had a motion to bring before the meeting, but desired first to have the views of the members in order to make himself explicit. Mr Bellios told a long story of a cunning Asiatic merchant who, having come to poverty and been obliged to sell his last heritage his own dwelling house, conceived a sudden affection for a pig in the wall which the sacred hands of his great-grand-sire had driven into the wall. He would not have it polluted. The buyer of the house, believing the thing a joke or a craze on the old merchant, paid a sum a dead man's due.

The Chairman said the question came up after the purchase money had been paid, "to bring dead dogs and such like into the house." He suggested the postponement of the consideration of this large question as many do not wish to speak who were not now ready.

Mr Ryrie responded and Mr Bellios consented. The Chairman said it might be borne in mind that neither the Indian Government nor the English Government would consent to pay the Emperor of China some \$6,500,000, close on \$70,000,000 dollars, and have no certainty after all that the opium will not be taxed just as much before it is allowed to pass to its destination as that sum not been paid. He thought the whole scheme now proposed so impractical that they were only occupying themselves needlessly in discussing it. There was not in it, so far as he saw, one single element of success. It would be well to let the Chamber direct its attention to the matter when it was referred to them from a higher quarter.

Mr Mackintosh said it would simply help the little question over again, the transit question.

Mr Sassoon referred to the opinion sent from Macao. Why should India pay China for it? The scheme would never be carried out by the Secretary of State for India or by the Government.

The further discussion of the question was adjourned to a special meeting to be held about a month's time for the consideration of the whole Blockade question, with special reference to the proposal now made and the general question of the opium trade. The whole of the papers and correspondence connected with these questions is being printed and will be in the hands of the members by that time.

NEW MEMBERS.

The Sun Yu Hong, the Tai Ying and the Tak-on Bank were admitted members of the Chamber.

COMMITTEE.

The following members were elected members for the ensuing year:

The Hon. Wm. Keswick, the Hon. P. Ryrie, and Messrs H. H. Nelson, II. Dalrymple, Charles Kahn, E. R. Bellios, H. Hopkiss, J. Arnhold, and T. Jackson.

The Hon. W. Keswick was elected Chairman and Mr H. H. Nelson Vice-Chairman, both re-elections.

THE JAPANESE YEN.

Mr Jackson proposed and Mr McEwen seconded the following motion:—

"That this Chamber memorializes the Government to take action with a view to making Japanese yen current in this Colony."

Mr Nelson proposed and Mr Graville Sharp seconded the following amendment:—

"That the Committee of the Chamber endeavor to ascertain what steps, if any, have been taken by the Government with a view to legalizing the Japanese yen in the Colony, and what guarantees, if any, are offered by the Japanese Government to keep up the present currency standard."

On the vote 13 voted against the amendment, only the proposer and seconder for it.

The original motion was therefore carried, only the two who voted for the amendment opposing it.

REPRESENTATION AT HOME.

The following letter was read:—

Hongkong, 21st February 1880.

Sir,—The want of a representative body of merchants connected with and interested in the China and Japan Trade in London was still under consideration, and Sir Thomas Wade, in his way had been to Calcutta and had an interview with the Viceregal; most probably this question was then discussed. Were such a memorial as he proposed sent in now it would be in an opportune moment and would strengthen the hands of those who took this view of the case and might be the means of getting rid of our encumbrance. Unless we adopted this compromise he did not see how we were to better ourselves; all other means had already been exhausted. If there were any disadvantages connected with the same they would be more than neutralized by the great advantage that would be brought about to the trade of this Colony and British trade generally.

In reply to Mr G. Sharp, Mr Bellios advised he proposed the Indian Government should pay the duty to China; it would not affect the value of the opium one way or the other.

The chairman pointed out that although opium and opium only was understood as being called upon to pay duty when these stations were first proposed to be established other articles were soon drawn into the net and now a large number of articles, down to the very charcoal for family use were called on to contribute. So that unless the Chinese Government were to undertake that on the payment of the opium duties all these articles were to go free, Mr Bellios' scheme would leave them still with the burthen of this same obnoxious customs system.

He did not think Manchester would pay duties on her place goods before they were shipped so that they might pass into China without molestation. There were large considerations, he thought, which stood in the way of Mr Bellios' scheme being carried out.

Mr Ryrie stated that to his knowledge Sir Brooke Robertson's firm impression was that opium was the only article the tax on which was to be recovered by these stations. He told him (Mr Ryrie) in fact that if he was told that duties were being levied at these stations on any British manufactured goods he would remonstrate. Perhaps the Chinese remained of that and of their arrangement with Sir Brooke Robertson they would be bound not to interfere with any vessels leaving this Colony, but to collect their revenue on articles other than

in the appendix—may, he believed, be taken as dropped. He thought that was likely from the long time that had elapsed without reference to it. The Merchant Shipping Consolidated Ordinance would be of an eminently useful piece of legislation.

The departure of small steamers, and the changes as to bills of lading were dealt with in the report, but he did not think there was anything else for him to touch on. It was now before them for discussion, and he hoped would be duly passed. There was one public question on which he had hoped that they would have been able to have reported some progress. That lay at some distance from us, the proposal of Mr Bellios had proposed. It would be something for the parties to think over and discuss. He therefore supported the proposal. He was not sanguine of the success of the proposal, but it might be tried.

The letter was referred to the new Committee.

There was no other business.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

ANNUAL MEETING THIS AFTERNOON.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of this Company was held this afternoon (23d), when there were present, the Chairman of the Company, Hon. W. Keswick, who presided, and Messrs Bellios, Vaughan, C. P. Chater, A. P. McEwen, Bottomley, H. Smith, Newton, Wotton, Coxon, Deacon, Jackson, H. H. Nelson, Keeves, J. T. Chater, M. Murray, F. D. Sassoon, J. H. Chater, and Pollockwalla.

The following were the events as they came off:—

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George's cross.

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Victor Emanuel's Cutter, 12 cars, red white red.

Richmond's First Cutter, 12 cars, red white red.

Richmond's Josephine, 14 cars, yellow blue yellow.

Richmond's Alice, 10 cars, white red white.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

No. 5186.—FEBRUARY 23, 1880.



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SPECIAL RESERVE FUND..... £206,370

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